

Presbyterian Banner.

PITTSBURGH, WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1863.

Rev. Milo Tompkins.—For a brief notice of this deceased minister, see the proceedings of Marion Presbytery.

Presbyteries.—We give much space this week to notices of meetings of Presbyteries. These record passing events in Zion, with plans and purposes for promoting her welfare. The Presbytery of Iowa record a revival and the prosperity of Zanesville Presbytery may be regarded as a real revival.

The Next General Assembly.—Stated Clerks of Presbyteries, and of other bodies sending delegates to the Assembly, are requested to send in the names of delegates immediately on their appointment, with the Post Office address of each one. By so doing you will assist and oblige us. Address J. BOYD HEADLEY, for Committee of Arrangements, Peoria, April 4th, 1863.

The Boards of our Church received, as per statement in Home and Foreign Record, during the month of March, the following sums: Domestic Missions, \$5,912.15; Education, \$7,720.40; Foreign Missions, \$13,016.72; Publications, \$1,482.98; Sales, \$6,107.47; Church Extension, \$18,773; Disabled Ministers, since last report, \$2,904.33.

Board of Foreign Missions.—In another column we present an Abstract of the Report of our Foreign Board, for the year ending May 1st. The churches will rejoice in the tokens of God's favor.

The Annual Sermon before the Board was preached on Sabbath evening, May 3d, in the Scotch Presbyterian Church, (Dr. McElroy's,) by Rev. W. G. T. SHERID, D.D., of the Brick Church, from Romans 1:21—28.

Going to the Assembly.—The Connellsville Railroad will return, free of charge, members of the Assembly, on their showing a certificate from the Stated Clerk.

The Allegheny Valley Railroad offers the same terms as those of the Connellsville road.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has agreed to issue Excursion Tickets.

Other roads, we understand, will return members free.

College of New Jersey.—Attention is requested to the appeal of this institution, which is given on our first page. Who does not admire and love Princeton? It contains the most ancient of our Colleges and Theological Seminaries; and these institutions are still flourishing in vigor, and have not been excelled by any later efforts. The State of New Jersey, and the cities of New-York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington may be looked to for the largest contributions; but the whole Presbyterian Church and the whole Middle, Western, and Southern States, owe to the College at Princeton a debt which ought never to be repaid.

Book of Common Prayer for Presbyterians.—A series of articles on this subject appeared in the Presbyterian during the Winter and early Spring. They were from the pen of Rev. CHARLES W. SHIELDS, D.D., of Philadelphia, and are now neatly published in a pamphlet. Dr. SHIELDS publishes three "means of correcting and improving our public worship": 1st. "In all cases a careful attention to the rules and suggestions of the Directory"; 2d. "In many cases a system of services, with forms and examples, composed or compiled by the minister for his own assistance"; 3d. "In some cases, where the parties are so agreed, a liturgy or scheme of common devotions, for both minister and congregation, containing not merely psalms and hymns, but tables of Scripture lessons, forms of stated prayer, and of administration of the sacraments, and other rites of the Church." These advantages he would secure in a "Book of Common Prayer."

The subject is treated with ability, but it fails to convince us of the necessity of a system of forms for the conducting of worship, in a church where true piety, and a high education, are prerequisites in all who would enter its ministry.

SACRAMENTAL MEDITATIONS.

Helps to a preparation for the Lord's table, and to a profitable enjoyment of the ordinance, are among the valuable productions of the Christian press. We are hence pleased to find on our table a new edition of WILLIAMSON'S SACRAMENTAL DIRECTORY. It is issued by the United Presbyterian Board of Publication, Pittsburgh, and is sent to us from our own "BOOK ROOMS," where our judicious Synodical Committee of Colportage keep always on hand a most excellent selection of works on practical and experimental religion.

This work of Mr. WILLIAMSON may be read with much, very much benefit, and parts of it be read many times during the progress of our religious exercises; and we have often recommended it, as we again do, to distressed inquirers and young converts. It should be in every minister's study, and it richly deserves a place among a few select books in every Christian household. The treatise is divided into three departments: I. Directions how to prepare for a Communion Sabbath, before it comes. II. How to spend it when it is come. III. How to behave ourselves when it is over.

SACRAMENTAL DIRECTORY, or, A Treatise Concerning the Sacrament of a Communion Sabbath, by Rev. John Williamson, late Minister of the Gospel at Dundee. 12mo., pp. 244. Pittsburgh, 1863.

WHY IS THE WAR PROTRACTED?

THOUGHTS PRESENTED IN A FAST-DAY SERMON, IN THE NORTH CHURCH, ALLEGHENY.

When the present civil war commenced, over two years ago, there was a general opinion that it would be of but short duration. The power of the loyal States, in numbers, wealth, manufactures, food, ships, commerce—in all the appliances of war and means of aggression—was so immensely above that of the rebel States, that it was hardly supposed that the insurrection could endure for a twelve-month.

After our great discomfiture at Bull Run, in July, 1861, we felt humbled, and thought of looking to God. The President accordingly set apart a day, September 26th, 1861, and we fasted and prayed. For a while, God favored us. So successful were we that, a year ago, we supposed ourselves to be on the highway to victory and peace, and were already singing songs of triumph. But our progress was checked. Reverses came. We doubled our army, and again boasted largely. We laid plans and fought battles. But alas, with our million of soldiers, and our immense naval power, we have made but little advance. We have been beaten, or balked and thwarted; and the enemy is in the field with all the determination and vigor of his best days.

How is this? Why are we not successful? The war is evidently the strong against the weak; and yet we are not victorious. Why? Is God against us?

No, you say: God is not against us. We fail of success because of the incompetency of our Generals. Ah! Our failures were of God still. Who is it that gives courage; and who, also, that makes the heart to melt as water? Who is it that teaches men's hands to war and their fingers to fight?

No, say some: Our want of success is owing to the imbecility of the Administration. Well; suppose that either these or the former, or both classes of them are right, is our failure not still of God? Are not incompetent commanders and feeble rulers a judgment of God upon a people whom he would afflict? He took from sinning Israel the mighty man, and the man of war; the captain of the fifty, and the honorable man and the counselor; and he gave children to their princes, and babes to rule over them. (See Isaiah iii:1—4.) And is not the "king's heart in his hand?"

No; say others still. The Administration is excellent, and the Generals and soldiers are good. Our failures come from opposition, party strife, divisions, jealousies. If this is so, we may yet reply, that this also is a judgment. It is in this way that God sometimes defeats well-laid plans. It was thus that the builders of Babel were frustrated; and thus that ASSALOM failed of success. The record says: "And ASSALOM and all the men of Israel said, The counsel of HUSAI the Archite is better than the counsel of AHITHOPHEL. For the Lord had appointed to defeat the good counsel of AHITHOPHEL, to the intent that the Lord might bring evil upon ASSALOM."

Evidently, God has a controversy with us. Something is wrong, which hinders a blessing. We aim at something which God would not have done; or we are unwilling to do what God desires; or we use improper means; or we are too wicked to be favored.

No; we are told again; this cannot be. We are striving to give freedom to millions of God's intelligent creatures. Our cause is good. God cannot but approve.

Suppose now that God should respond: Who hath required this at your hands? Did I bid you do this? And did I ordain the means you use? True, I said: "Let my people go." "Let the oppressed go free." But I had not put this people under you. You have no authority over them, either legitimate or de facto. It is true that I ordained the law of love between master and servant, but I did not make you its executor; and then I ordained the same law between you and the master. And as it regards the physical condition of these people, where in my providence I have placed them, its favorable character is shown by their great increase. And a value in their religious condition is manifest in the numbers of them who become Christians. Myriads of them are fitted for heaven. Joys immortal result from their condition. The South have done more for them, that is, have turned more of their race to righteousness, than have all other people since the name of Jesus was first proclaimed on earth. Can I ignore all this? And farther yet; since, as you well know, I gave you the "sword of the Spirit," the Gospel of peace and love, and salvation, the effective means of a free freedom, and had you use it, can I bless in your hand any other instrument for the accomplishing of this end? And then, what kind of freedom would you give? What have you done for those few whom I have already entrusted to your care? Is what you have done a sample of what you mean to do?

Brethren; God might easily put us to shame, by pressing such interrogatives. It may be best for us to humble ourselves before him, in sorrow and silence. These remarks, you know, are not made to justify Southern masters; nor even to excuse or palliate the wrongs they do. They are for ourselves, met here to humble ourselves before God. What are we, that we should assume for God, to judge and to execute? Let us be sure that we have God's commission, ere we do so.

If we will fairly look at things, we will find that much has been done for Africa by the transfer of a portion of her sons to the United States. God has overruled and is still controlling man's cupidity, to the promotion of Gospel blessings. The individuals brought over, and their seed, even in the cruellest condition they suffer, would by no means choose to go back to their

old heathenism; but myriads are being Christianized and trained to return to their fatherland as colonists and missionaries. Africa stretches forth her hands to God. Soon will one hundred and fifty millions of the sable race, having become a civilized people, rejoice in a Gospel light and in a glorious hope.

But still we cannot justify African slavery. God does not justify it, even though he brings good out of it. It is a wrong. It is, as guaranteed by Southern laws, and as practiced, a sin. It is a deadly sin, crying to God for vengeance. All the benefits the African has by his transfer to us, he might have with us without the slavery—not only might have them, but should have them, and should have still more. He needs government; government by a superior and wiser race, if you choose so to speak. Hence we object not to a temporary pupillage, a guardianship embracing restraint, guidance and service, with education. But we insist that he is entitled to family rights, the right and the means of mental improvement, and a due provision for his bodily comfort. That is, he is entitled to "things just and equal." To deprive him of this is a sin; and slavery, which, as a system, deprives him of these, is a sin to be abandoned, a bond which should be loosed, a yoke which should be broken.

EASTERN SUMMARY.

NEW-ENGLAND.

A WRITER in the Independent furnishes some interesting religious statistics of New Hampshire. We quote the most important: "The Presbyterians number but seven churches, all of which have pastors or stated supplies. Members of these churches, 786. "Orthodox Congregationalists are nearly double any other denomination in the State. They have 135 churches; 186 ministers, of whom 98 are pastors; 54 stated supplies, and 33 without charge. Membership of the churches, 19,154. "The Calvinistic Baptists have 86 churches; 75 ministers; 8,156 communicants. The denomination in the State cannot be said to be flourishing. "The Free-will Baptists report 112 ministers, many of whom are farmers, mechanics, and physicians—having no pastoral charge, but preach as they have opportunity. "Belonging to the Methodists are 104 churches; 129 circuits and 100 local preachers; 10,761 members. They have a flourishing Seminary and Female College at Sanbornton Bridge, and at Concord a Biblical Institute, at which numerous young men prepare for the ministry. Out of the larger towns, churches are small. "The Episcopalians are small in number, having only 10 churches and 15 ministers. "The Christians—Baptist in their views and practice of baptism, but in religious sentiment Unitarian, in denying the doctrine of the Trinity—number 26 churches, 20 ministers, about 2,500 members. They conduct an academy and theological school in Andover, near the centre of the State. "To the Unitarians belong 11 churches, and 10 ministers. Their membership is small. "The Universalists report 21 societies, with some of which churches are connected, and 19 preachers. Many of their churches are unoccupied, and are going to decay. "The Second Adventists have 2 churches and 3 preachers. "Swedenborgians have a single church located at Hopkinton. "The Roman Catholics number 8 churches, and many preachers, all of which are located in cities and manufacturing towns. "The average salary of Presbyterian and Congregational ministers is about \$550."

A CORRESPONDENT of the Congregationalist states that a reviving work has just been experienced in Wells, Maine, and that more than one hundred hopeful conversions have been reported. "They embrace all ages, from fourscore down to eleven. Among them are about thirty men who are heads of families, two men over eighty, and three women over seventy years of age, and one entire Sabbath School class of ten misses."

A CONVENTION representing more than thirty churches of Boston and its vicinity, was lately held in that city, with the view to extend to the American Baptist Missionary Union an invitation to hold in Boston its half-centennial anniversary, which will occur during the following year. A unanimous and cordial invitation was tendered.

PRESBYTERIANISM seems to be with some Congregationalists, as well as with many others whose prejudices is perhaps more excusable, a horrible, undefeatable something with which it is well to have but little to do. The Boston Recorder, in a notice of Prof. Smith's articles in the Independent, on the "Faith and Order of the Presbyterian Church, New School," alludes to the unreasonable prejudice which exists in many minds against this system, and asks: "How many of the Apocalyptic horns has it? Has it incipient hoofs also? Have any of our keen-sighted Congregationalists really seen the horns and hoofs beginning to grow, or veritable articulations where, in time, they are likely to grow?"

It expresses its own views in the following paragraph: "With all our faith in, and attachment to, Congregationalism, we see no reason for narrow and sectarian jealousy and opposition toward a denomination which is shown to be so nearly allied to us in principles and aims, as the Presbyterians."

IT SEEMS that even Theological Professors may be dissatisfied with the names they have inherited from their fathers, and may take advantage of legislative enactments to have the same altered to suit their fancy. An Eastern exchange informs us that the Legislature of Maine has authorized Professor D. Talcott Smith, of Bangor Theological Seminary, to write his name D. Smith Talcott, and that he wishes hereafter to be thus addressed.

A BOSTON PAPER says of A. S. Beckwith, a prominent citizen of Hartford, who died recently at the age of 65: "He commenced life as a poor boy, and at his death was probably the richest man in Connecticut, being rated at one and a quarter millions. One of the last acts of his life was intended to give \$50,000 as a trust fund for the benefit and relief of sick, wounded and disabled Connecticut soldiers. A few days ago, finding that he was falling rapidly, he sent to Gen. Buckingham to consult with him in regard to the best manner of applying such a donation. The papers were all drawn up in legal form, but Mr. Beckwith was too far gone to be able to affix his signature. It is understood that the heirs will allow his manifest wish and intention to be fully carried out. All this, God evidently not only justifies but requires. The powers which he has ordained as a "terror to evil-doers," must not "hear the sword in vain." So far, all Christian patriots can and will strive, and pray, and hope. And as regards slavery which is, to say the least, deeply connected with the origin of the war, and is a determined foe to peace, we can ask for light, and cherish a willingness to do our duty; and, as occasion fairly offers, we can "let the oppressed go free, and break every yoke."

We are fasting and praying. Let us be humbled, penitent, and obedient. Let us

be indefatigable in the honest use of all righteous means of deliverance. Then will the blessing surely come.

NEW-YORK.

THE BIENNIAL MEETING of the New-York Sabbath Committee was held on the evening of the 26th ult., in the Fifth Avenue Collegiate church. The house was crowded with the friends of the Sabbath. The occasion was one of great interest. From the Secretary's report of facts relating to the Sabbath enterprise during the past two years, we take the following: "Powerful combinations for the repeal of our Sunday laws have been defeated. The 'Concert Saloon' act has been unanimously passed. The effort to nullify the Sunday class of the Excise act in the last Legislature failed. The Broadway Railroad Bill was amended so as to forbid Sunday trains. The constitutionality of our Sunday laws has been affirmed. The Court of Appeals has decided that Sunday newspaper contracts are void. The enforcement of the Sunday Liquor and other laws has effected a change of sixty per cent in the number of arrests for crime and disorder for a period of three and a half years, or a saving of more than 18,000 arrests, as compared with the former state of morals; so that the Superintendent of Police publicly alludes to the good order and law-abiding character of New-York and Brooklyn, as 'marking an era in the history of those cities.'"

A GRAND EXHIBITION of Gymnastics was lately given at Cooper Institute, New-York, under the direction of Dr. Lewis of the Boston Normal Institute. *Irenaeus*, of the *Observer*, makes it the subject of one of his "Letters to a Friend—in the Country." He speaks highly of the exhibition and of the practice of gymnastics as adapted to both male and female literary institutions; but very properly takes exception to the disposition manifested by certain enthusiastic gymnasts to claim for the system a preposterous influence in the domain of religion. We quote from the letter: "When Dr. Lewis had concluded his very interesting exhibition, he introduced his friends to testify of their own experience of the good effects of his system. Their testimony was to the point, and was important if any were as yet unconvinced. But every good thing must be run into the ground, and so these friends undertook to enlighten us as to the great benefits of 'muscular Christianity' and 'gymnastic theology,' the indispensable basis of health to Christian character, and a great deal of nonsense of this kind, which would be in place among Fourierite Associations, but is simply ridiculous when addressed to an intelligent Christian assembly. And when men tell us that 'bodily exercise tends to testify of their own experience of the good effects of his system, and was important if any were as yet unconvinced. But every good thing must be run into the ground, and so these friends undertook to enlighten us as to the great benefits of 'muscular Christianity' and 'gymnastic theology,' the indispensable basis of health to Christian character, and a great deal of nonsense of this kind, which would be in place among Fourierite Associations, but is simply ridiculous when addressed to an intelligent Christian assembly. 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